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SUBJECT: SOVIET RESOLUTION ON DETENTE AND HUMAN RIGHTS

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- 1. DEPT FEELS THAT SOVIET DRAFT RES ON DETENTE AND HUMAN RIGHTS IS NOT ACCEPTABLE AS IT STANDS. WE NOTE WITH SOME CONCERN THAT THE RES WAS CIRCULATED WITHOUT PRIOR CONSULTATION WITH US ALTHOUGH SUBJECT IS OF INTIMATE CONCERN TO US. SPECIFICALLY, WE DO NOT LIKE MANNER IN WHICH LINKAGE BETWEEN DETENTE AND HUMAN RIGHTS IS STATED.
- 2. OUR HOPE IS TO OVERCOME DIFFICULTIES BY (A) PRESENTING AMENDMENTS PRIVATELY TO SOVS WHICH THEY NOT LIKELY TO ACCEPT (WE UNDERSTAND THEY BALKING AT MORE MINOR AMENDMENTS)

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- (B) IF AMENDMENTS NOT ACCEPTED BY SOVS, INFORM THEM WE WOULD NOT INTRODUCE AMENDMENTS PUBLICLY BUT WOULD HAVE TO ABSTAIN. WE WOULD ALSO HOPE TO GET OTHER WESTERN MEMBERS (NETHERLANDS, UK, FRANCE AND PERHAPS AUSTRIA) ABSTAIN WITH US.
- 3. THEREFORE, YOU SHOULD PROPOSE TO SOVIETS AMENDMENTS SUGGESTED BY USDEL (REF A) WITH EXCEPTION OF FRENCH PROPOSAL CONCERNING DISARMAMENT. BEYOND THAT YOU SHOULD INDICATE THAT THE OPERATIVE PARAS MUST BE ENTIRELY REVISED. WE WOULD CONSIDER A RESOLUTION ON THIS SUBJECT EFFECTIVE AND USEFUL IF OPERATIVE PARAS READ AS FOLLOWS:

"WELCOMES THE RECENT EFFORTS UNDERTAKEN BY STATES WITH A VIEW TO STRENGTHENING UNIVERSAL PEACE AND INTERNATIONAL DETENTE.

"EMPHASIZES THE IMPORTANCE OF STEPS TO INSURE RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS, AND FIRST OF ALL THE INHERENT RIGHT OF LIFE, LIBERTY, AND SECURITY OF THE PERSON.

"EXPRESSES THE FIRM CONVICTION THAT POLICIES OF AGGRESSION, PRACTICES OF GENOCIDE, MASS EXTERMINATION OF PEOPLE, RACISM AND APARTHEID, AND VIOLATIONS OF INDIVIDUAL HUMAN RIGHTS ARE INCOMPATIBLE WITH THE SPIRIT OF INTERNATIONAL DETENTE.

"CALLS UPON ALL STATES TO GIVE PRIMARY ATTENTION TO UNDERTAKING MEASURES AIMED AT STRENGTHENING INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY AND AT THE CREATION OF THE MOST FAVORABLE CONDITIONS FOR SOCIAL PROGRESS AND FOR ENSURING HUMAN RIGHTS AND BASIC FREEDOMS, AND FIRST OF ALL, THE INALIENABLE RIGHT OF EVERY PERSON TO LIFE, LIBERTY, AND SECURITY OF THE PERSON."

4. AS INDICATED, WE DO NOT EXPECT THAT SOVIETS WOULD ACCEPT THESE REVISIONS WHICH GO TO THE HEART OF THEIR RESOLUTION. IF THEY DO ACCEPT THEM, YOU MAY VOTE FOR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AMENDED RESOLUTION. IF NOT, YOU SHOULD ABSTAIN AND ENCOURAGE ABSTENTION OF WEO DELS.

5. IN EXPLANATION OF VOTE (ASSUMING ABSTENTION) IF YOU CONSIDER IT NECESSARY TO SPEAK, YOU SHOULD SIMPLY NOTE THAT WE FEEL THAT RES COULD HAVE BEEN MADE MORE EFFECTIVE THROUGH CONSULTATIONS AND THAT AS IT STANDS IT DOES NOT

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